

REMARKS

Claims 84-86, 88-92, and 94-147 were pending as of the Office Action mailed December 10, 2009. In a response filed on June 10, 2010, no claims were amended. Additionally, claims 84-86, 88-92, and 94-147 were cancelled, and claims 148-174 were newly added.

In an in-person interview with the examiner on October 29, 2010, this supplemental amendment was authorized. With respect to this supplemental amendment, claims 148-174 are pending. To expedite prosecution, and in accordance with the examiner's recommendations, no claims are being amended, claims 148-174 are being cancelled, and claims 175-204 are being newly added. No new matter has been added. Support for the new claims can be found within the applicant's specification at least at col. 7, lines 39-48; col. 9, line 5 through col. 13, line 5; and FIGS. 9-12.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing new claims and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The applicant thanks examiner Huit for the courtesy of the in-person interview on October 29, 2010. The time spent with the applicant's representatives Sanjay Gadkari and Arrienne M. Lezak was greatly appreciated. During the interview, recommendations were made by the examiner. These recommendations have been incorporated into the claims as noted above.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 84-86, 88-92, and 94-147 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,204,897 ("Wyman") in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art ("AAPA"), in further view of 116 USPQ 443,444 (CCPA 1961) ("Wolfe"), in further view of Table C of the 1997 Census report ("Census"), and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,481,706 ("Peek").

Claims 84-86, 88-92, and 94-147 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,553,143 ("Ross") in view of AAPA, Wolfe, Census, and Peek.

As noted above, claims 84-86, 88-92, and 94-147 were cancelled in the response filed on June 10, 2010. Additionally, as noted above, pending claims 148-174 are being cancelled.

Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is therefore respectfully requested.

New Claims 175-204

Support for new claims 175-204 is noted above. The applicant respectfully submits that the teachings of Wyman, AAPA, Wolfe, Census, Peek, and Ross, alone or in combination, do not teach or describe each and every aspect of new claims 175-204. Thus, the applicant submits that new claims 175-204 are allowable.

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully requests that all pending claims be allowed.

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the applicant selecting some particular arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist. Finally, the applicant's decision to amend or cancel any claim should not be understood as implying that the applicant agrees with any positions taken by the examiner with respect to that claim or other claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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